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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4443

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, ELTN, JO, LE, SA

SUBJECT: TAPLINE EMPLOYEE LETTER REPORTED

REF: BEIRUT 3691, PARA 4, AND 4372

1. (LOU) BEIRUT WEEKEND PRESS AND BAGHDAD RAIDO REPORTED THAT TAPLINE LAST WEEK INFORMED GOL MINISTER OF LABOR VIA LETTER THAT TAPLINE MAKING PLANS CLOSE DOWN AND DISCHARGE 300-350 EMPLOYEES IN LEBANON AND SAUDI ARABIA. DECISION DESCRIBED AS TENTATIVE, PENDING RESOLUTION CURRENT SITUATION. WITH EXCEPTION BAGHDAD RAIDO, WHICH TERMED TAPLINE SHUTDOWN A "PRETEXT", STORIES GENERALLY LOW-KEY, DWELT ON BACK-GROUND OF PRICES, TANKER SITUATION, MEDRECO AND TAPLIN DISPUTES WITH GOL. STORIES MENTIONED THAT PRIMIN AND OILMIN PROBABLY WOULD VISIT SAUDI ARABIA FOR TALKS WITH SAG. PAPERS SAID THEY LEARNED OF LETTER FROM INFORMED SOURCES BUT COULD NOT OBTAIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF ITS CONTENTS.

2. (C) TAPLINE, AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, SAYING  
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NOTHING FOR ATTRIBUTION , BUT DODGE DID INFORM US

THAT LETTER WAS IN FACT DELEIVERED, WITH ORAL  
EXPLANATION THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FROM A LEGAL POINT  
OF VIEW IF SAG UNWILLING READJUST TAXES.  
GODLEY

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